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**TRAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 25, 2008**

In attendance:

Committee Members: Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Mike Burke, Sam Rabin, Steve Chaneles, Frank Del Vecchio

Absent: David Lancz, Mark Hunter, Robert Henry

City Staff: Robert Parcher, Gladys Acosta, Pat Schneider, Alison Williams, Anne Swanson, Robert Biles, Diana Arocho

Public: Marty Evans

A discussion was held highlighting some of the recent changes on the City of Miami Beach Government portal webpage. Many transparency issues discussed at previous TRAC meetings have been integrated into the page. Commissioner Weithorn requested that the committee look at the city's website before the next meeting and bring suggestions for what other information they would like to have available to the public on the webpage.

IT department has also implemented new software to track the hits on the website. This is used to see what content new users are going looking for, as well as what are the most popular pages.

Commissioner Weithorn reported that the City of Miami has a complaint/issue weblink on their website which sends the complaint to three different people to ensure that it can be followed up on. The City of Miami Beach's website has the BetterPlace program which allows people to complain about some issues and the email would be sent to the individual who owns the topic they chose, but this is not a place where someone would go to complain about inappropriate city employee behavior which is one of the concerns of this committee.

A question was brought up about how the monitoring of the website content was controlled and who made the decisions about access and structure. Commissioner Weithorn requested that this issue be better addressed at a later point.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the implementation of a GPS tracking system in city vehicles. The Police department is in the process of receiving a system which will allow the dispatch to track the police cars (it will be installed in the laptops, not in the vehicle itself, and it can be turned off when the officer is not on duty). Sam Rabin made a motion to recommend to the City Commission that a GPS system be installed in all city vehicles to benefit efficiency, prevent abuse, and promote accountability. Mike Burke seconded the motion. Prior to the motion going to a vote Steve Chaneles and Sam Rabin requested to craft the exact language of the motion and bring it back to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned